

Public Notice Regarding Coverage of Licensed Registered Dieticians providing Biopsychosocial Treatment of Obesity services in Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)

January 31, 2023

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

Effective for dates of service beginning February 1, 2023, (DSS/MHD) will amend its state plan to add licensed registered dieticians as approved providers in an FQHC and an RHC. This will allow FQHCs and RHCs to provide biopsychosocial treatment of obesity services.

2. The annual cost for FY 2023 is estimated to be \$68,044.

There is a potential for savings for FY24, estimated at \$165,488. The goal of the program is to improve health outcomes for both the youth and adult population by managing obesity and the associated co-morbidities such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

3. A copy of the proposed State Plan Amendment with supporting documentation is available for public review by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov.
4. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express, or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD)
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attention: Kim Johnson

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Coverage of Licensed Registered Dieticians providing Biopsychosocial Treatment of Obesity services in Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)" in the subject line.

5. No public hearing will be held.